

Letter Bk. III pleased to favour me with the 1st of May 1767 & the 25th of March last together with a Petition Subscribed by the Indians called Nanticokes desiring that an Act might pass empowering them to sell the Lands which were heretofore appropriated by the Legislature in this Province to the use of that Tribe. In Consequence of my recommending this Affair to their immediate Consideration the Lower House of Assembly appointed a Committee to examine into the nature of those Indians Claim & on their making a Report presented to me the inclosed Address, however on my sending them a Message & on some of the Persons who had a Right to enter on part of the Land in case the Indians should relinquish it interesting themselves in the Business the Members agreed to accept an Offer M^r Ogden had thought fit to make on behalf of the Indians & a Bill was accordingly framed for granting him the Sum he required, which was a few Days afterwards pass't into a Law & I herewith send you a Copy of it, the Assembly agreed likewise to defray the Expence which had been occasioned by M^r Ogden's & the Indians coming down last year from Otsiningo to treat with those that lived in this Province. I intended to have wrote to you by M^r Ogden but he was so impatient to get away immediately after the Act pass't & he had received the Dollars that I had not leisure at that time, but I presume he has eer this advised you of his proceedings & informed you in what manner the Business that brought him hither was concluded. I am &c.

Original.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

Excellency's Letter of 9th Feb^y to Expect about Michaelmas next, as you there mention it to be the Commissioners opinion that he had better continue in the Agency till that time in order to Collect in the Outstanding Debts himself and by that time his Lordship was prepared, as desired by your Excellency, to have sent over a new Commission upon the first Notice of his Resignation in favor of such Gentleman with whom he thought proper to Entrust the future management of his Revenue. The Person his Lordship has some time had in View for M^r Loyd's successor is M^r Mathew Tighlman, a Gentleman recommended to him as every way qualified for so Important a Station and whose Security is Exceptionable Your Excellency will therefore please to deliver him the accompanying Commission Appointing him to that office, and as his Lordship thinks so high an Officer ought to be of his Provincial Council your Excellency has likewise a further Instrument Calling him up to that Station. The Keeper of the Rent Roll being now separated from the